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DRUGS: ITEM 6C: SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

1. ITEM CONCERNED BOTH THE WORK OF THE UN LAB AND REPORTS OF RESEARCH PROGRESS IN COUNTRIES. UN LAB DIRECTOR BRAENDEN OPENED TOPIC WITH DESCRIPTION OF PROGRESS IN ISOLATION OF KHAT ALKALOIDS, DEVELOPMENT OF NEW OPIUM POPPY PLANT WITH LESS MORPHINE CONTENT, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN TRAINING NATIONAL SCIENTISTS FOR IDENTIFICATION OF DRUGS, PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND CHEMICALS TO ABOUT TEN COUNTRIES, TRACING OF HEROIN IN ILLICIT TRAFFIC, AND THE ADVISORY PANEL ON HERBICIDES.

2. TWENTY-NINE INTERVENTIONS WERE MADE WITH MOST OF THE TIME TAKEN BY STATEMENTS OF APPROVAL OF THE WORK OF THE LAB. EGYPT, MADAGASCAR, UNITED ARAB LEAGUE, ICAA, FRANCE, SPAIN, USSR, KENYA, ALGERIA, TURKEY, CANADA, SPOKE ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF KHAT. USSR (BABAIA) STATED KHAT IS A LOCAL PROBLEM. CANADA (SMITH - 1ST VICE CHAIRMAN) ASKED WHERE THE WORK ON KHAT IS LEADING SINCE THE ACTIVE PRINCIPLE, CATHINONE, HAS ALREADY BEEN ISOLATED AND SYNTHESIZED. HE RECOMMENDED THAT THE LAB GIVE PRIORITY TO TRAINING, SETTING UP REGIONAL LABS, AND DETECTING SOURCES OF HEROIN,
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LEAVING MORE ACADEMIC WORK TO OTHER FACILITIES.

3. MOROCCO CITED DANGERS OF CANNABIS AND CLAIMED THE AMBIGUITIES OF DECRIMINALIZATION WOULD WEAKEN EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE ITS GROWTH AND USE. HE HOPED THE CND WOULD ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS MENTIONING NORML, HEAD, HIGH TIMES BY NAME,

SAYING "SUCH A RESOLUTION WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT TEST OF THE WILL OF THE CND IN THIS AREA." ALTHOUGH NIGERIA, SENEGAL AND THE USSR ALSO GAVE STRONG ANTICANNABIS STATEMENTS, NONE OF THE SPEAKERS SUPPORTED MOROCCAN CALL FOR A RESOLUTION ON CANNABIS. US DID NOT INTERVENE IN CANNABIS DISCUSSION.

4. IRAN (SHAHANDEH) WELCOMED LAB STUDIES ON TRACING OF HEROIN AND HOPED WORK WOULD BE GIVEN HIGHER PRIORITY, ESPECIALLY EXCHANGE OF SAMPLES. (FYI: SHAHANDEH EARLIER TOLD MEMBER OF US DEL THAT HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN SETTING UP A REGIONAL LAB IN TEHERAN TO TRACE ILLICIT OPIUM AND HEROIN ENTERING HIS COUNTRY.)

5. US STATEMENT (FALCO), MOST COMPREHENSIVE ONE ON THIS SUBJECT DELIVERED AT COMMISSION, WAS WARMLY RECEIVED WITH REQUESTS FOR SECOND COPIES BY MANY DELEGATIONS. USSR (BABAIA) GAVE SHORTER COMMENT ON DANGERS OF CANNABIS THAN IN PREVIOUS SESSIONS, SAYING SOVIETS HAD DATA SIMILAR TO US STUDIES (EFFECTS ON CHROMOSOMES, NERVE CELLS AND ORGANS). BABAIA REACTED LESS THAN EXPECTED TO US STATEMENT ON NEED FOR MORE CLINICAL RESEARCH ON HEROIN AS AN ANALGESIC FOR TERMINALLY ILL CANCER PATIENTS. "IN VIEW OF THE GROWING USE AND ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN HEROIN, WE MUST BE MINDFUL OF DANGERS IN ITS USE. SOCIETIES HAVE A DUTY TO DEMONSTRATE THE DANGERS OF THIS DRUG."

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6. FRG (HEILIGENTHAL) DESCRIBED COORDINATED RESEARCH PROGRAM OF FOUR LABS CONCERNING BIOCHEMISTRY, PHARMACOLOGY, AND ABUSE LIABILITY TESTING. ITALY (DIGANNARO) STATED INTEREST AND NEED FOR COMPARISON OF COUNTRIES IN DRUGS, CRIME AND SOCIAL POLICY, REQUESTING THE CND TO CONSIDER SPONSORING SUCH RESEARCH.

7. AT END OF DISCUSSION, DIRECTOR BRAENDEN INDICATED TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS EXIST WITH HEROIN SIGNATURE PROGRAM AND MORE STUDIES ARE NEEDED BEFORE WORLD WIDE PATTERNS CAN BE TRACED. VANDEN HEUVEL

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